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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yoshinori SHIBATA

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For: BATTERY POWERED TABLE SAWS

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line
19 with the following paragraph:

The battery case 21 may have positive and negative power source terminals 21b (one shown in FIG. 1) that are mounted on the bottom of the battery case 21 and extend into the interior of the battery case 21 for connection to the battery 20. The terminals 21b are connected to a motor drive circuit including the motor 20 and the switch 17, so that the motor 12 will start rotating the saw blade 13 when the operator turns on the switch 17. A discharge opening 21a may be formed in the battery case 21 adjacent to the bottom of the battery case 21 so that any foreign particles that have entered the battery

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